

## **USDA FOREST SERVICE**

# **BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST**

## **TRAVEL PLAN DECISION**

### **Summary of Key Points**

1. Creates a designated motorized system of 3,157 miles of roads and 707 miles of trails.
2. Plan goes into effect when Motor Vehicle Use Map is published in the Fall of 2010. Implementation would be in stages and paid for as we collect money to do the work. Not all roads and trails would be open every year.
3. Trail system fees are \$20/week; \$25 per year; \$125 for rented vehicles.
4. Motorized trail system incorporates a large number of looped trails.
5. Is family-friendly. Youth without driver's licenses can ride with families on 707 miles of trails.
6. Provides 90 miles of trails for motorcycles (single track), 347 miles of trails for vehicles 62 inches and less in width in South Dakota to allow UTVs, and 72 miles of trails for vehicles 50 inches and less in width in Wyoming. Includes an additional 148 miles of *trails open to all*.
7. Closes the Forest to cross country travel unless designated open. Permittees, emergency vehicles, the active military, firewood permit holders, and others with certain administrative, emergency, and use permits would be exempt depending on the use and permit conditions.
8. Allows motorized big game retrieval of elk (not deer or other game) within a specified distance of certain roads in South Dakota and Wyoming.
9. Protects water quality, improves conservation of cultural resources such as sacred sites, and greatly improves wildlife habitat.
10. OHV parking access provided from 20 trailheads.
11. Allows dispersed camping within 300 feet of certain Forest roads where and when motor vehicle use is allowed.
12. In the interests of public safety, designates 548 miles of *Roads Open to All*, primarily to connect trail loops for unlicensed vehicles. Operators must be licensed but vehicles do not have to be licensed on these roads.
13. Limits sound levels to 96 dB(A), with a sound level limit of 99 dB(A) for vehicles manufactured prior to 1998.
14. Manages some roads as trails in the Martin Draw and Antelope Springs areas of the Hell Canyon Ranger District to increase motorized trail opportunities in the Southern Black Hills.
15. Riders would access National Forest roads and trails as permitted by state and local jurisdictions. Maintains reasonable access to other ownerships where appropriate.
16. Reduces the miles of routes within a half-mile of non-motorized trails and also reduces routes close to non-National Forest System lands to reduce noise and dust affecting non-motorized users and forest neighbors.

17. Makes sufficient diverse routes available for people with disabilities who depend on motorized transportation to enjoy the Forest.
18. Provides “walk-in” areas.
19. Includes routes for “rock crawler” and 4 x 4 enthusiasts as part of the *Trails Open to All*.
20. Reduces user conflicts.

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